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SUBJECT:	THREE PAGE AD ON DISAPPEARED PERSONS PUBLISHED IN LA PRENSA		
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AMB	1. An open letter to President Videla listing the names of 2592 disappearance cases was published as a paid ad in La Prensa today May 7. The three page ad was published jointly by the <u>Permanent Assembly for Human Rights</u> , the Ecumenical Movement for Human Rights and the Argentine League for the Rights of Man and marks the first joint project by these three human rights organizations.		
DCM	2. In a short introduction addressed to Videla, the ad comments favorably on the government's publishing the names of persons held under the national executive power, but goes on to request the president to make every effort to provide information on the many cases of disappeared persons. At the end of the ad, the sponsoring		
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organizations invite families or friends of other disappearance cases not listed in the ad to report those cases to the human rights groups. The organizations have indicated to the Embassy that they will publish a follow-up ad if they receive a significant number of new names.

3. The ad is broken up in two parts. It lists 1327 names of persons for whom full testimony and habeas corpus writs have been filed and another 1265 for whom such documentation has not been completed.

4. The ad has been in preparation since March. Its publication was delayed until sufficient funds were collected to pay for the space--some \$10,000 or possibly more was required.

5. Embassy is now analyzing list. We have pouched a copy to the Department.

6. Two personal paid ads concerning the disappearances 12 months ago of Marcus and Mauricio Leder were published in the same La Prensa edition. The Leder father and son are US interest cases which have been reported to FOWG without reply. The Leder ads have

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